

# **BRIEF TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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## **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

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## PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- To brief the Select Committee on Women Children and Persons with Disabilities on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act.
- To answer key issues raised by the committee.

## INTRODUCTION

The VEP aims to make the criminal justice process more victim-friendly and effective to address the needs of victims. VEP specialises in programmes and services to support victims of crime and violence. Some of the core programmes amongst others are Domestic Violence, sexual assault, human trafficking etc.

**Examples of the VE Programme can be summarised as follows:**

- Capacity building and training of service providers in VE including Domestic Violence.
- Establishing referral mechanisms between service providers to enhance an effective and efficient service
- Medico legal services
- Counseling and court support programmes
- Sheltering and one stop centre services
- Thuthuzela care centres
- Victim friendly facilities in police stations
- Victim representation in parole hearings

## **Resources and provisions made to address the needs of people**

The following has been achieved :

- The Department developed the Shelter Strategy, implemented and is in the process of review
- Developments are: 2001 – 39 shelters were managed by NGOs
- 2009 – 96 shelters managed by NGOs and government & 9 One Stop Centers & Victim Support Centers, addressing the needs of Domestic Violence victims ( women and children)
- 2010/11 – 98 shelters with 2 additional shelters established to address and protect the needs of men who are victims of gender based violence
- A best practice one stop model was developed to render holistic services to victims of crime and violence and the model will be launched during September in Limpopo .

## **Resources and provisions made to address the needs of people (con..)**

- The Domestic Violence Guidelines for victims of abuse were developed, stakeholders trained and rolled-out to provinces for implementation
- A Generic Integrated Set(GIS) and M&E Tool for the cluster was developed in order to monitor trends in VEP
- The Department participated in the development of the Domestic Violence Strategy and booklet led by Department of Justice.

## VEP Funding Criteria

- Nature and scope of services
- Target groups
- Project objectives, outcomes and outputs
- Workplan
- Technical capacity
- Staff capacity and profile
- Diversity
- Financial matters/capacity
- Financial health check
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Sustainability
- Coordination
- NPO Compliant



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## VEP Funding Criteria (cont..)

Partnership - EU/UNODC/DSD ( 18M Euros)

- A service provider was appointed in 2010 to develop a costing/funding model
- Grants disbursed to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) providing direct services to victims of crime and violence.
- Grants disbursed to organizations providing capacity building assistance to CSOs offering services to victims of crime and violence.
- Grants disbursed to research and policy institutions conducting research in area of victim empowerment.

**NB:68 grants awarded to well-established CSOs and 47 emerging organizations.**



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## VEP Funding Criteria (cont..)

Province (Well established CSOs) Total Amount (ZAR)

Number of Grants

KZN	3,693,005.00	12
GP	4,491,150.00	10
LP	3,890,213.50	13
EC	1,939,486.00	5
NW	1,680,994.00	4
WC	4,771,737.00	12
FS	2,676,040.00	7
NC	156,025.00	1
MP	1,858,000.00	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,146,650.00</b>	<b>68</b>



## VEP Funding Criteria (cont..)

PROVINCE NUMBER OF CSOS (Emerging) TOTAL

PER PROVINCE

(IN ZAR)

KZN	3	299,615.00
GP	3	300,000.00
LP	17	1,746,500.00
EC	6	600,000.00
NW	5	498,000.00
WC	4	406,800.00
FS	4	399,950.00
NC	4	400,000.00
MP	2	199,850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4,850,715.00</b>



## Victim Empowerment Legislation

- A service provider was appointed to conduct a feasibility study on the VE Legislation in 2010
- The service provider conducted provincial consultative workshops to gather inputs of the study
- A Feasibility of Victim Empowerment Legislation in South Africa Road Map report has been submitted
- The department is currently vetting the VEP policy to initiate the process of developing VE legislation.

## Awareness on Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence

- Not sufficient budget was allocated but with donor funding from EU Programme of Assistance to VEP with UNODC as the implementing partner, a service provider was appointed to develop a VEP Brand Strategy on Everyday Heroes Brand. The slogan is "Together we can stand up and help to empower the victims to become survivors in our community"
- Six cartoon booklets were developed on Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Child sexual abuse, Abuse of the elderly, People with Disabilities Sexual Assault.
- The Every Day Heroes Brand will be launched in Limpopo on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2011
- Nine Provincial Road Shows will be conducted on the Every Day Heroes Brand to raise awareness on victims of crime including Domestic Violence

Agreement between VEP, victim's Charter,  
**Minimum standards and uniform Protocol  
on Victim Management**

- An interdepartmental Committee for victims charter was established in 2008 to educate communities of the Rights of victims.
- This committee reports quarterly to the National VEP Management Forum and ultimately to the JCPS cluster.
- Through the Victims Charter, the VEP articulates “rights based approach” in providing services by all stakeholders.
- Minimum Standards for service delivery were developed and are aligned to the Victims Charter.
- Developed VEP Domestic Violence guidelines aligned to the Victims Charter.

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- VEP from various Departments include:  
Victim friendly facilities and special police services (FCS Unit)- SAPS  
Court preparation support and specialist integrated services (TCC)-NPA  
Direct support to victims in the form of counseling, provision of shelters and provision of one stop centres-DSD  
Court support and assistance- DOJ&CD  
Victim participation and empowerment : Parole board hearings, Restorative Justice-DCS, and  
Victim Assistance –DOH.

## Provision of Counseling services at Thuthuzela Centres

- One of the critical identified training needs in the VE Sector was counseling services.
- Partnership with NPA established to conduct integrated sexual offences training for Thuthuzela centres
- The counseling services in all provinces the Thuthuzela care centre refers to identified organisations funded by the department for such services to be provided
- With the EU Funding a service provider was appointed to train DSD social workers, cluster departments and civil society organisations on trauma counseling and leadership

## Provision of Counseling services at Thuthuzela centres (cont.)

- Capacitated government officials and civil society on integrated trauma counseling
- The set target number was 1,800 officials to be trained; however the project exceeded the target number.
- 2,000 Government officials and emerging civil society were trained management of trauma



## CHALLENGES

- Budget not adequate for VEP
- Still not enough shelters in rural areas
- Shortage of Social Workers
- Not enough trained counselors
- Infrastructure (most are normal houses)
- No full time VEP staff in provinces and regions/districts
- Sustainability of the funded projects and emerging organization

## PLAN OF ACTION

- A Sector Bid has been submitted to National Treasury to request additional funds to enable the department to sustain the programmes developed through donor funding more especially the trauma counseling training, awareness and education.

## CONCLUSION

- The Select Committee to take note of the work in progress done by the Department despite the limited funds/budget to deliver effective service to victims of crime and violence including Domestic Violence.

## THANK YOU